



Marilyn Hocker

November 9, 2021

Marilyn O. Hocker passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Concordia of Monroeville Nursing Home just outside of Pittsburgh on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, after battling Parkinson's disease and dementia. She was 74 years old.

Marilyn Olivia Hocker was born in Philadelphia, PA on February 23, 1947. Her biological parents were Norman H. Mitchell and Eva DeJournette. At the time of her birth, she had an older brother, Norman H. Mitchell, Jr. Their mother later married James H. Hocker who adopted Norman and Marilyn, giving them his last name of Hocker.

Marilyn grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Germantown High School. Afterwards, she attended and graduated from Penn State University in 1969 with a Bachelor's degree in History.

Most of Marilyn's career was with the City of Philadelphia where she worked in several areas including Social Work, and the Office of Personnel (HR).

Marilyn was known for being generous, kind, upbeat and having a dry sense of humor. She mixed those qualities with an uncanny way of speaking up and telling people directly "like it was".

Marilyn was a member of a legendary group of city co-workers who socialized after hours called The Rosebuds.

Marilyn loved her family, cooking, relaxing in Rittenhouse Square Park in downtown Philadelphia where she lived before her illness, fashionable clothes, shoes, and looking good. She also loved her cats – first Coco, who was later succeeded by Jade.

Marilyn is survived by her son, Sean N. Garrison; granddaughter Faith; brother Norman; younger sister Eileen; a brother and sister from her and Norman's biological father – Anne Mitchell and Irving Mitchell; aunts and cousins; her most recent extended family at Concordia of Monroeville Nursing Home, and many friends.

Services were private.

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Sean - November 18, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ I posted this pic because it was one of the proudest and happiest days for my mother. Watching her only grandchild enjoy her time at Disney World. Unfortunately, tonight was her night. She's passed on. I choose to remember her like this than how she left this world. I miss you. I love you. And it's not goodbye, it's til we meet again.

Sean - November 18, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Marilyn. With Thanksgiving almost upon us, I was thinking of her a few days ago. She always joined Marlene and I for the holiday, as well as Easter and their birthdays. They were only a few days apart. It was kind of you to remember the Rosebuds. I'm sure that some of the center city restaurants that they terrorized on their monthly outings, remember them as well. Take care. Joe Ramsay

Joseph Ramsay - November 19, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ Marilyn was always such a bright light in the world. I will miss her smile and funny stories at our holiday dinners. Rest in peace my friend, Lisa Bryant

Lisa - November 19, 2021 at 05:43 PM